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**RESERVATIONS AT NICKERSON STATE PARK CAMPGROUND PUT ON HOLD  
TEMPORARILY WHILE REPAIRS ARE MADE AND DAMAGE IS ASSESSED**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announced a temporary halt in any further reservations at Nickerson State Park campground. Due to damage caused by recent storms – in particular the storm of December 9, 2005 – this popular campground on Cape Cod could face delays in opening next season. That storm, which caused an estimated \$3 million in damage, downed over 1,000 trees, cracked one yurt beyond repair, damaged two comfort stations, blocked roads and bike paths (including the Cape Cod Rail Trail), and cut or damaged virtually all electrical lines throughout the park.

“DCR is assessing the damage and formulating a plan for recovery,” said DCR Commissioner Stephen H. Burrington. “We cannot take campground reservations at this time; we do not want to disrupt people’s vacation plans by canceling their reservations due to unforeseen problems or delays.”

Depending on the pace of repairs, DCR hopes to have sections of the park opened at the beginning of the recreation season. The Department plans to issue an update on January 31, 2006. At that time, a specific schedule for resuming reservations on ReserveAmerica ([www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com)) and DCR ([www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr)) websites could be announced. At least two weeks notice will be given before resuming reservation services.

Customers who have already made a reservation at Nickerson for 2006 will be contacted by DCR if necessary before resuming reservations. The temporary halt in reservations does not impact any of the other state campgrounds.

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